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**Attn: Delora Dillard, Decisions & Certificate of Correction Branch**

REQUEST TO CORRECT THE ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 CFR § 3.81(b)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request correction of the printed U.S. patent so as to reflect the correct Assignees in the above case. In accordance with rule 37 CFR 3.81(b), Applicants state as follows:

1. On March 2, 2004, Applicants transmitted for recordation an Assignment of the above application, pursuant to which the above application was jointly assigned to CANON FINETECH INC. and CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA. The Assignment was recorded at Reel 015047 and Frame 0639, and a copy of the Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document is attached hereto;

2. The PTOL-85(b) included only Canon Kabushiki Kaisha and the failure to correctly include both Assignee names on the PTOL-85(b) was inadvertent; and

3. The processing fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.117(h) is being paid electronically herewith.

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Patentees' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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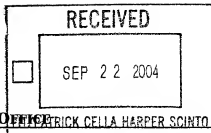
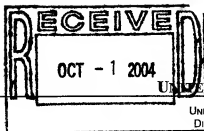
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## JOINT

(BEFORE APPLICATION FILED)

## ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT RIGHTS FOR THE UNITED STATES

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, WE, Tomokazu Nakamura, Yoshinori Isobe, Toshimasa Suzuki, Masatoshi Yaginuma, Masahiro Yonenuma, Atsushi Takada and Norio Motoi

hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto CANON FINETECH INC.

a corporation of Japan

having a place of business at

5540-11, Sakate-machi, Mitsukaido-shi, Ibaraki-ken, Japan

and CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA

a corporation of Japan

having a place of business at

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their successors, assigns and legal representatives (hereinafter called the "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest, for the United States, in and to certain inventions relating to

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and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States executed by each of us, respectively, on the date indicated below and in and to said application, and all divisions, and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted, thereon, and all reissues and extensions thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue all Letters Patent upon said inventions to the Assignee or to such nominees as it may designate.

AND we authorize and empower the said Assignee or nominees to invoke and claim for any application for patent or other form of protection for said inventions, the benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it, and to invoke and claim such right of priority without further written or oral authorization from us.

AND we hereby consent that a copy of this assignment shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any assignment, consent to file or like document which may be required in the United States for any purpose and more particularly in proof of the right of said Assignee or nominees to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it.

AND we hereby covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire right, title and interest herein assigned and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND we hereby covenant and agree that we will communicate to said Assignee or nominees all facts known to us pertaining to said inventions, and testify in all legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and declarations and in general perform all lawful acts necessary or proper to aid said Assignee or nominees in obtaining, maintaining and enforcing all lawful patent protection for said inventions in the United States.

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